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2. Gen. Verne Mudge, of the staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee, today requested our informal views on S. Con. Res. 2, the Mansfield Resolution to establish a Joint Committee on Central Intelligence. Gen. Mudge stated that when he and Senator Saltonstall appeared before the Rules Committee last year in opposition to the Mansfield resolution, they considered themselves very poorly prepared and wished to have more and better arguments at their finger tips. In addition, Gen. Mudge would like to have a note describing the difference between S. Con. Res. 2 and last year's Mansfield resolutions. The General also told me that proposed rules which were before Chairman Russell for the operation of the Senate Armed Services Committee in the current session of the Congress contained a provision for a subcommittee on CIA. While Chairman Russell has not made any final decision as to whether there will be such a subcommittee, he has stated that if there is he will chair it himself. 17 Jan 55